

Village of Byron  
Regular Council Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2024

**Meeting called to order at:** 7:00 pm by President Bessenbacher

**Pledge of Allegiance Led By:** President Bessenbacher

**Roll Call – Present:** Campbell, McDowell Guttersohn, Kinaitis, Bibbee and Bessenbacher. Also Present: Warren, Ketchum, and Attorney Clint Stevenson. Absent: Chapman

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of B) Chamber Membership, under old business Motion by Guttersohn; seconded by McDowell. Voice Vote: Ayes Campbell, McDowell, Guttersohn, Kinaitis, Bibbee and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Absent: Chapman. Motion Passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Approval of December 11, 2023 minutes as written; motion by Guttersohn; seconded by Kinaitis. Voice Vote: Ayes Campbell, McDowell, Guttersohn, Kinaitis, Bibbee, and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Absent: Chapman. Motion Passed.

**Public Comments-Agenda Items:** None

**Treasurers Report** –Ketchum read report. Bibbee motioned to accept report pending audit; seconded by Guttersohn. Roll Call Vote: Ayes Campbell, McDowell, Guttersohn, Kinaitis, Bibbee and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Absent: Chapman. Motion Passed.

**Approval of Bills:** Campbell reported total of 34 Checks: 124E and 125E, 28291-28322 for a total of \$21,020.34 Guttersohn motioned to pay the bills; seconded by Kinaitis. Roll Call Vote: Ayes Campbell, McDowell, Guttersohn, Kinaitis, Bibbee and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Absent: Chapman Motion Passed.

**Bills Awaiting Approval (Blue Folder)-** None

**Committee Reports:** None

**Police Report-** Guttersohn read report.

**DPW Report** – Warren said new wellhouse is good and sewer line fixed at 113 Ann St. He requested a gift card for the help received for the past 3 years in hanging Christmas decorations from the same person. Clint said the only way we could do it is to issue a 1099. McDowell motioned to approve \$150.00 along with a 1099 for the assistance given to Warren; seconded by Kinaitis. Roll Call Vote: Ayes Campbell, McDowell, Guttersohn, Kinaitis, Bibbee and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Absent: Chapman Motion Passed.

**Cemetery Report:** Bessenbacher read report. Bessenbacher explained the issue with the gate lock in the cemetery being cut off and replace with an outside lock and 2<sup>nd</sup> time with a zip tie. Someone drove a car through lawns and around gate, leaving deep ruts. Discussion continued and council decided to keep north gate locked and the south gate opened

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**DDA Report:** Bessenbacher explained that Amsterburg and Brittain are up for term renewals and Campbell motioned to renew the DDA terms for Amsterburg and Brittain; seconded by Bibbee. Voice Vote: Ayes Campbell, McDowell, Guttersohn, Kinaitis, Bibbee and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Absent: Chapman. Motion Passed.

**Commissioner Report:** Howard said that the County has accepted taking over the permits for the Village. He explained the addition of a padded cell in the jail agitated inmates. He also explained the solid waste program for recycling and once created has the potential to bring in \$90,000.00.

**911 Commission:** None

**Old Business:**

**Verizon Tower:** Reed explained that no response has been received and Bessenbacher said the same for the message she left. Reed will contact the company for information.

**Chamber Renewal:** Bessenbacher explained the cost of \$15.00 to renew membership. Bibbee motioned to approve the renewal fee of \$15.00 for the Chamber; seconded by Guttersohn. Roll Call: Ayes Campbell, McDowell, Guttersohn, Kinaitis, Bibbee and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Absent: Chapman. Motion Passed.

**New Business:**

**140 S Saginaw - Zoning:** The email from Vandemark sent about the zoning of the apartments and the bank. Guttersohn said we need to have the input from our Zoning Administrator, council agreed.

**Parks and Recreation Plan 2024 – 2028 Meeting Date:** Reed said the special meeting is set for January 29, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Municipal Building. The meeting was published in the Argus on January 6, 2024.

**Public Comments:** B. Mickelson asked when asphalt would start and Warren said March and crosswalks before July. Clint expecting first child in August.


**Any Other Business from Council /Comments:** Bibbee explained training for a cost of \$1,800.00.

**Items For Next Agenda:** Verizon Tower, Zoning email

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 7:45 pm; motioned by Bessenbacher and seconded by McDowell. Voice Vote: Ayes Campbell, McDowell, Guttersohn, Kinaitis, Bibbee, and Bessenbacher. Nays: None. Absent: Chapman. Motion Passed.

  
Marsha Reed, Clerk

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Date

  
Vicki Bessenbacher, President